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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Far East Division

SUBJECT: Hypothetical Situation in Laos

1. CIA has been informally represented at meetings of a joint State-Defense working group concerned with the utilization of foreign manpower in cold war contingencies. CIA's responsibility for covert operations has been recognized, and the working group has tried to concentrate on the development of overt capabilities.

2. In order to test the applicability of various proposed ideas, the State Department has developed a script outlining a HYPOTHETICAL situation in Laos. Two copies of this script are attached.

3. The DDCI has commented that the ideas presented in the script might well be under consideration by CIA now. Bearing in mind the hypothetical nature of the script, your comments are requested as to:

a. The validity of the conclusions.

b. The role of CIA under the supposed conditions.

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4. Further inquiries on this matter should be addressed to [REDACTED] Ext. 3727, who will be glad to be of any possible assistance.

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